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SUBJ: JIDDA DESALTING PLANT

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1. FOR GRUA. CONAM REPORTS FEB AND MARCH FILMS BEING PROCESSED AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO EMBASSY WHEN AVAILABLE.
2. FOR BARNES. APPRECIATE INFO ON PUMP "C." CONAM HAS INFO PARTS WILL ARRIVE THIS WEEK VIA KLM.
3. CONAM REPORTS FAILURE OF BRINE BLOWDOWN PUMP ON #1 EVAPORATOR. CHARACTERISTICS OF FAILURE ARE SIMILAR TO FAILURE OF "A" BRINE RECIRCULATING PUMP. CONAM HAS INSERTED BY-PASS PIPE WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN TESTED BY CE AND WITNESSED BY OSW / B& R. ACCORDING CONAM PIPE WAS ONE FOOT TOO LONG ON ONE SIDE AND SIX INCHES ON OTHER. THEY MANAGED TO CUT DOWN AND WELD SECTIONS TOGETHER AND PUMP IS CURRENTLY OPERATING AT REDUCED LOAD. CONAM IS REMOVING ENTIRE PUMP IN ORDER MAKE COMPLETE REPAIRS TO RESUME FULL SERVICE.
4. AEG, GERMAN TURBINE MANUFACTURER, IS IN COUNTRY MAKING SCHEDULED TESTS. HAVE JUST REMOVED GOVERNOR CONTROL VALVE ON #1 TURBINE AND FOUND SHAFT WAS BENT, APPARENTLY RESULT INSTALLATION DEFECT. AEG SAYS IT WILL BE 8-9 WEEKS BEFORE NEW PART CAN BE RECEIVED HERE AND TURBINE PUT BACK INTO OPERATION: WITHOUT TURBINE, POWER-PRODUCING CAPACITY OF PLANT WILL BE AT 50 PERCENT. CONAM SAYS THIS NO PARTICULAR PROBLEM
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NOW, BUT ANTICIPATE BY MID-MAY, JDDA POWER DEMANDS WILL EXCEED OUTPUT. ACCORDINGLY, CONAM ATTEMPTING HAVE AEG

EXPEDITE SHIPMENT SPARE PART.

5. PER REF C, DCM APRIL 15 DELIVERED LETTER TO ADNAN SAMMAN IN ABENCE PRINCE MOHAMED IN RIYADH. SENTENCE WAS ADDED IN LETTER REFERRING TO INCLUSION OF OUTLINE OF NON-CRITICAL LIST. IN RESPONSE SAMMAN QUERY, DCM ADVISED COMPLETE NARRATIVE OF NON- CRITICAL ITEMS, SIMILAR TO CRITICAL ITEM LIST, UNDER PREPARATION AND WOULD EVENTUALLY BE DELIVERED. SAMMAN INFORMED ALSO OF PENDING O' MEARA VISIT (EMB WILL BE CHECCING IN RIYADH IN NEXT DAY OR TWO TO ASCERTAIN MISHARI/ MOHAMED' S AVAILABILITY IN EARLY MAY). IN GENERAL, SAMMAN SEEMED SATISFIED WITH LETTER AND WILL HOLD MEETING WITH CONAM TUESDAY (WHICH EMBOFF WILL ATTEND) TO DISCUSS NEXT STEP ON WAY TO OBTAINING RELEASE NECESSARY FUNDS.
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